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MOLOTOV FIGHTS ARGENTINE BID *But Conference Approves Entry*

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 (UP).—By a standing vote of 28 to 7 the plenary session of the United Nations conference rejected a plea by V. M. Molotov for a few days delay and ordered invitations issued immediately to bring Argentina into the conference.

By JOSEPH STAROBIN and FREDERICK V. FIELD

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—The crucial issue of whether German Fascism should be allowed to wedge itself into the world security or-

ganization, through the seating of Argentina, was thrown open today as the Soviet Union put it up to the United States and the American people to adhere to the original Hull-Roosevelt policy.

The Executive Committee of the conference was seriously divided this morning, and by a 9 to 3 vote over-rode the Soviet request that the seating of Argentina be delayed until there could be more time to study its true character.

The steering committee, comprising the heads of all delegations, upheld the executive, although it, too, was split in a 29 to 6 vote. Decision was left to the plenary session.

The nations which stood with the Soviet Union in opposing Argentina were: Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Belgium, and New Zealand. (Continued on Back Page)



Justice Has Been Done

Lying in the muddy gutter of Milan from whence he came Mussolini lies begrimed and battered after his execution by Italian Partisans. Patriot Tommygunners stand guard over the body and that of his mistress, Clara Petacci, as Milan crowds surge around the body, grimly satisfied that justice has been done. [Story on Page 2.]

—Radiophoto Courtesy N. Y. Times

Nazi Military Power Ended In Italy, Gen. Clark States

Rumors that a second German offer of unconditional surrender was on its way to the three major powers flew thick and fast as the U.S. Seventh Army captured Munich yesterday with almost no opposition.

Gen. Mark W. Clark announced that "the military power of Germany in Italy has practically ceased," and disclosed that 25 crack German divisions had been "torn to pieces" in the final 22-day offensive. Japanese American troops occupied Turin, which had earlier been liberated by Italian partisans. Belgrade reports said that Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Army was battling in the important Adriatic ports of Trieste and Fiume.

American Ninth Army troops made a new linkup with the Red Army at Apollensdorf, three miles west of Wittenberg on the Elbe. The American 82d Airborne Division, fighting with the British Second Army, made a new crossing of the Elbe near Bleckede, 10 miles southeast of the British bridgehead at Lauenburg. Allied troops on this front were only 29 miles south of the Baltic port of Luebeck.

Some 50 miles south of Munich, three Seventh Army divisions broke into the northwest corner of the Nazi last-stand redoubt only 12 miles from the Brenner Pass and within 105 miles of Allied armies driving north from Italy.

The French First Army, on the western edge of the redoubt, drove 28 miles south and crossed the Austrian border in the area of Bregenz, at the southern end of Lake Constance. Other French troops smashed into the Zeppelin center of Friedrichshafen on the lake's western shore.

The Third Army liberated more than 110,000 Allied prisoners in Stalag 7-A, 26 miles northeast of Munich, and the Seventh freed 32,000 European political prisoners at the Nazis' notorious Dachau concentration camp, eight miles northwest. Here 50 boxcars filled with bodies were discovered.

Vatican Silent on Nazi Murders: Pravda

MOSCOW, April 30 (UP).—The official newspaper Pravda today scored Pope Pius' appeals for mercy for Germany, while the Red Army said the Soviet Union intends neither to destroy nor enslave the German people.

A front dispatch to Pravda said the Red Army had posted notices in occupied sections of Berlin denying the "false assertions of Nazi propaganda that the Red Army intends to destroy the whole German nation."

An article in Pravda by Leonid Leonov, Soviet novelist, said the Pope was "among the numerous loud barkers of mercy . . . only he's working sub-rosa. We apply to him with a simple request to tell aloud the following:

"How did he defend our brothers and sisters when machine-gun bullets pinned them to the frozen earth, when they were poisoned by gas, when they were broken into fragments and buried alive?"

Herriot Arrives In Moscow

MOSCOW, April 30 (UP).—Edouard Herriot, thrice premier of France and former president of the French chamber of deputies, arrived in Moscow with his wife today after being liberated by the Red Army from the Germans near Berlin.

The 73-year-old French statesman was freed April 22 and was brought here on a special plane placed at his disposal by Soviet military authorities at Berlin.

Herriot said he was in good health. He appeared in good spirits.

He said he would remain in Moscow for a few days as guest of the French ambassador and then return to France.

Herriot had been confined to a sanatorium near Berlin. He said the Gestapo officer who was to have taken him to Berlin ahead of the Russians disappeared and he was rescued by the Red Army.

The statesman originally was arrested by Vichy French police after he had criticized the collaborationist policy of the Petain Government. When Allied armies took over France, the Nazis took him to Germany.



The expression of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower plainly reflects his reactions as he listens to an ex-slave laborer's account of the brutal and inhuman crimes perpetrated on civilians at the German concentration camp at Ohrdruf. The supreme Allied commander visited the camp while on a tour of the Third Army front.

3d Army Frees 110,000 Allied Prisoners

WITH U. S. THIRD ARMY, Germany, April 30 (UP).—American tanks rumbled into Moosburg, 27 miles northeast of Munich, today, and liberated 110,000 wildly rejoicing Allied prisoners of war, including at least 11,000 Americans.

The largest group of prisoners yet freed from the Germans cheered and celebrated when the 47th Tank Battalion of the 14th Armored Division rolled up to the prisoner camp.

The prisoners included Americans, British, Canadians, South Africans, New Zealanders, Poles, Russians, French and Serbs.

Stabilizer Davis Approves Soft Coal Pact

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP).—Stabilization Director William H. Davis today approved the new soft coal wage contract and authorized price increases for bituminous coal expected to average 16 cents a ton.

The agreement, approved by the War Labor Board last Monday, gives miners a \$1.02 daily wage increase. The price increase is intended to give operators "relief" from the added operating costs.

Davis' approval ended a long controversy between operators and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers and came only eight hours before their extended contract was to have expired.

Details of the price ceiling revisions will be announced by the Office of Price Administration.

Milan Flings Duce's Body Into Morgue

By JAMES E. ROPER

MILAN, April 29 (Delayed) (UP).—The body of Benito Mussolini, battered and disheveled, was sprawled today on the concrete floor of a morgue in this city, where he conceived the evil doctrine of fascism and where he came 26 years later to the end of his tyrant's career.

Beside him are the bodies of his 25-year-old mistress, Claretta Petacci, and of other Fascists of his retinue who fell before the bullets of Italian partisan firing squads Saturday near Lake Como.

Ricardo Lombardi, partisan-appointed prefect of Milan province, said no funeral plans had been made for Mussolini.

"He will be buried in Milan Cemetery wherever there's a place for him," Lombardi said.

Lombardi believed that the execution of Mussolini shortly after his capture with his ministers at a cottage near Lake Como was entirely legal. He pointed out that the Committee of National Liberation had proclaimed all arms-bearing Fascists to be outlaws.

(The National Liberation Committee of northern Italy broadcast a statement, reported by the Federal Communications Commission, that the execution of Mussolini was "the necessary conclusion of a historic period which leaves our country still covered with material and moral wounds."

(The statement continued: "The National Liberation Committee . . . is determined that such acts of violence shall not be repeated in the new era opening to the Italian people. Such acts could not be justified in the new era of freedom and strict democratic legality which the committee is determined to re-establish now that the insurrectional struggle has ended.")

Mussolini cried his Axis partner, Germany, had betrayed him, when he approached the Liberation Committee a few days ago to inquire about their terms of surrender. They told him that unconditional surrender was the only possible terms. He withdrew and fled, apparently trying to get to Switzerland.

The newspaper Il Popolo quoted Mussolini as saying at this conference: "The Germans have treated us as servants and very harshly for far too many years—now we've had enough."

He had used Ildefonso Cardinal Schuster as intermediary with the partisans, and the conference was held in the latter's red-carpeted office. Mussolini wore his black Fascist uniform.

A MEEK MUSSOLINI

The meeting got off to an awkward start when Mussolini, in his best dictatorial style, asked gruffly: "What do you want?" of the partisans. Then he remembered that it was he who requested the interview and he assumed a meek manner.

Mussolini asked what guarantees the committee would give for the personal safety of the Republican Fascists. The committee answered that it depended upon the Allies, implying that they would be treated as prisoners of war.

He asked for an hour to consider his answer and communicate with the German command, however. He said he also was going to inform Adolf Hitler of his displeasure at the Nazi treatment of the Italians. The committee granted him an hour's grace, but an hour and 15 minutes later an emissary told the committee that Mussolini had rejected the terms and would leave Milan.

There was fighting in the streets of Milan all that night, and by morning the partisans were in control of the city.

Frisco to Hear Labor Chiefs

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—"World labor and world peace" is the theme of a mass meeting here Wednesday night under the auspices of the Northern California CIO.

Members of the administrative committee of the World Labor Congress, now in session in Oakland, will report then on activities here and present the viewpoint of world labor toward the security parley.

Leaders scheduled to address the meeting of 10,000 in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium include CIO President Philip Murray, Sir Walter Citrine of the British TUC, Vasil Kuznetsov of the Soviet Unions, Vicente Lombardo Tolezano, Mexican president of the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL), and Louis Sallant of the French OGT, acting secretary of the New World Labor body.

Harry Bridges, California CIO director and president of the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union will preside, and the meeting will be greeted by Mayor Roger D. Lapham.

Milan Democracy Acts Swiftly

AN EDITORIAL

We now have a new and meaningful phrase: Milan Justice. The partisans of North Italy have given it to us. It denotes retribution, complete and undiluted, without any of the frills with which formalists adorn it. Yes, there was a form and procedure, but very simple, the kind that can be understood and appreciated instantaneously. Mussolini and 16 of his accomplices—names like Farianacci and Starace which arouse instinctive hate—were given a trial, found guilty and shot. Their bodies were literally thrown into the gutter, where they belong.

The citizens of Milan who came to view the remainders of the fascist hierarchs, in the square where 16 patriots had been shot only recently, must have had a sense of complete, fully satisfied justice such as mankind is scarcely privileged to experience. The Spanish patriots and the Ethiopians, the Yugoslavs and the Greeks, are entitled to a special sense of gratification.

Milan Justice is a product of the liberation of North Italy. This region is the political center of the country. The National liberation movement is so powerful there that its partisan forces held most of the cities firmly in hand by the time Allied troops entered. In Italy as a whole, but particularly in the industrial centers of the North, the anti-fascism of the people and their active participation in the liberation stand in sharp contrast to Germany. Italy has a right to be considered a liberated and not a conquered country.

The Committee of National Liberation of the North acted wisely and quickly. They themselves took care of the political culprits. There was to be no escape in the manner of General Roatta, and no interminable delay of the kind for which the war crimes commission in Rome had become noted.

The agreement reached a few weeks ago between the Christian Democrats, Socialists and Communists of North Italy denoted a higher level of unity and of political program than in the rest of

Italy. It was shown in the appointment of Communist mayors in Bologna and other liberated cities. It was demonstrated in the role played by the partisan armies, acknowledged by General Clark. It is shown in the fact that the Vatican, the only political grouping which dared openly bemean the form of justice meted out to Mussolini, obviously cannot put its policies across even among the Catholics of Italy, politically organized in the Christian Democratic Party.

Togliatti and Nenni, leaders of the Italian Communist and Socialist Parties, are urging the Bonomi government to reorganize and bring in the representatives from the North. Italy will now travel at a much faster pace to a cleansing of fascist remnants and a democratic reconstruction of the country. The Allied governments, especially our own, must put no obstacles in the way. We must help with the tremendous resources at our disposal in the economic reconstruction. We must be ready to accept a rejuvenated Italy into the ranks of the United Nations.

Communists Lead In Paris Election

PARIS, April 30 (UP).—The Communist Party won 27 of the 90 posts at stake in Paris in the first municipal elections in France since 1937, final results showed today.

The Socialists won 12 posts in the six Paris electoral districts, and the Republican popular movement 11. The other 40 posts were divided among various small groups including the resistance movement.

The Communists appeared to be gaining throughout the provinces with the trend definitely indicating a swing to the left.

Admits He Slew 21,000 at Kiev

By JACK FLEISCHER

U.S. 12th ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, April 24 (Delayed) (UP).—Dr. Gustav Wilhelm Schuebbe said today the Nazi annihilation institute at Kiev killed from 110,000 to 140,000 persons "unworthy" to live during the nine months he worked there.

Schuebbe, a crippled drug addict captured by First Army troops recently, admitted he had murdered about 21,000 persons.

He told his story voluntarily and showed no feeling of guilt but occasionally became evasive when he appeared to sense that his actions might be viewed as crimes.

The annihilation institute was established after the Germans captured Kiev in 1941. Schuebbe was there about five months before he became head of it.

He remained at the institute until March 1942.

The persons "unworthy to live" included epileptics, schizophrenics, Jews, members of foreign races and Gypsies, he said.

ONE HUNDRED A DAY

Each doctor at the institute "processed" about 100 persons per day, but Schuebbe said they worked only about two or three days a week.

Victims were killed by injections of Emm preparations, Schuebbe said.

"Emm stands for morphium tartrate," he explained. "In the beginning injection was tried with five cubic millimeters but difficulties were encountered and therefore we

injected 10 cmm."

He said the victim showed "breathing difficulties, a shrinking of the pupils of the eye; the face rapidly assumes a blue color, there is sporadic breathing, then a breathing stoppage and heart stoppage, exitus lethalis."

The doctors were aided by Nazi service men who were dressed in the uniform of medical aidmen and whose job it was to hold the patient, "who naturally was in bed."

Corpses of the dead were "handled by Mongols who were supplied for this purpose by the city health department. The corpses were brought to a nearby crematorium, he said.

"Of course, we, the circle of German physicians at Kiev, were aware of the importance of this job," Schuebbe said. "Aside from certain devious side roads of this action I still maintain the following: that just as one prunes a tree by removing old, undesirable branches in the spring, so for its own interest—a certain hygienical supervision of the body of a people is necessary from time to time. This also includes sterilization."

Schuebbe joined the Nazi bund while a student at the University of Munich.

Rankin Jewbaiting Rebuked in House

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss), anti-Semite, was publicly humiliated again today. This time by Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex), another southerner, who ordered Rankin's latest outburst expunged from the Record.

The crackdown came at the call of Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York ALP leader, after Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D-Wash), young AFL machinist from Seattle, had denounced him as a "Jew-baiter."

The petition campaign to bring the FEPC bill to the floor started the battle. Clare Hoffman, Michigan Republican was blasting FEPC when Rankin broke in:

"The trouble," snarled Rankin, comes from "a racial minority," which, he said, has several members on the House floor.

"This racial minority," continued Rankin, has also "infiltrated" into positions in the Veterans Hospital, and is "making trouble" for the investigation which he is conducting as the head of a special committee.

DeLacy cut him short, "Isn't the gentleman indulging in Jew-baiting?" he asked.

Rankin completely blew up at

this, yelling back that he had seen records of the Dies Committee and the FBI about DeLacy.

At this Marcantonio leaped to his feet and demanded that Rankin's words be noted by the clerk. Then he asked Speaker Rayburn to have the remarks expunged.

Rayburn had Rankin's remarks expunged as "unparliamentary."

Earlier Hoffman was rebuked by Representative Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill), chairman of the Rules Committee. Hoffman had gotten the floor on a plea of "personal privilege," to protest against a charge in the magazine *In Fact* that he was a "Fascist," and also to denounce the War Department's recent discussion of Fascism, which Sabath had inserted in the Record from *In Fact*.

Hoffman objected to the War Department's treatise, now used in Army classes—which describes Fascists as hate mongers in the pay of certain industrialists.

Reichstag Falls, Says Stalin May Day Order

Premier Joseph Stalin announced in a May Day Order yesterday that the main part of Berlin had been liberated and that Red Army troops hoisted the red flag over the historic Reichstag in the city's heart.

Asserting that Germany now stands alone in the world "except for Japan," and that the war is nearly ended, Marshal Stalin announced that in the last four months of battles the Red Army has killed nearly one million Germans.

Mowing down "death battalions" of fanatic women and SS Elite Guard remnants, Soviet troops overran the Reichstag, one-half mile north of Unter den Linden, and took the Interior Ministry and main post office in Potsdamer Platz, geographic center of Berlin, one-half mile south of Unter den Linden. Soviet commanders have promised to hold a vic-

Charges Soviet PWs Mistreated By U.S., Britain

MOSCOW, April 30 (UP).—Col. Gen. F. I. Golikov, president of the Soviet repatriation commission, charged today that Britain and the U. S. are holding liberated Soviet war prisoners in camps "under intolerable conditions" and failed to repatriate them promptly, as prescribed by the Yalta prisoner of war agreement.

In an interview with a correspondent of the Soviet news agency Tass, Golikov also charged that in many instances Soviet authorities were not informed by the allies of the whereabouts of liberated Soviet citizens and that American authorities had removed 800 Soviet officers to the U. S. and their "whereabouts are still unknown."

He claimed that "outrageous incidents" were carried out in Egypt in which "Polish agitators," with the approval of the British, "spread malicious anti-Soviet propaganda" and tried to dissuade, by means of provocation and threat, the Russians from returning to the USSR.

BY AGREEMENT

The Soviet Union, Golikov asserted, had observed all obligations undertaken in the Yalta agreement.

Golikov said the Soviet Union had already repatriated 64,188 Allied war and civilian prisoners from former German-held territory and that an additional 135,812 persons were ready to be repatriated. All British and American prisoners of war, he said, had been repatriated with the exception of a small group of sick and wounded.

Golikov listed the number of Soviet prisoners liberated by the Anglo-Americans, exclusive of those freed during the past two weeks, at 150,000. Of this number he said only 35,000 had been repatriated, "while in England, France, Italy, the U. S. and Egypt there are still many thousands in camps compelled to wait many months before being allowed to return home."

Golikov said that "not everywhere are our citizens living under intolerable conditions."

1,700 DISCOVERED

However, he charged that Soviet representatives in England recently discovered three camps containing 1,700 Russians, the existence of which had not previously been disclosed.

"The camps were managed by American military police under intolerable conditions," he said. "Camp No. 1 was held together with Germans, under German administration. Camps 35 and 40 were enclosed with barbed wire, with machine guns on watchtowers. The Russians worked underground 10 to 12 hours daily and were badly dressed."

"When the Soviet general appeared," he said, "the prisoners wept joyfully and demanded immediate repatriation."

In an elaboration of his charge, Golikov stated that "systematic removal" of Soviet citizens was going

on today to Brandenburg gate, entrance to the famous avenue.

The United Nations, the Soviet Premier declared, "will destroy fascism and the German military and will severely punish the guilty and make them pay for the damage, but will not touch the civilian population if they loyally obey the Allied powers."

"The world war set loose by the German imperialists nears an end," he said. "The fall of Hitler's Germany is a fact of the nearest future. The mortally wounded Fascist beast is drawing its last breaths. Our task now is to finish off the beast . . . pursue and encircle the German invaders, not leaving them any respite."

Stalin accused Germany of "flirting with the Allies in an attempt to create discord in the Allied camp," and added that "these new swindler's tricks of the Hitlerites are doomed to complete failure."

The Red Army, joined by Polish, Yugoslav, Czechoslovak and Romanian units, Stalin said, have forced the German command to transfer to the Eastern front "dozens of divisions, thus helping our allies in their successful offensive in the west."

Lewis Bars Hard Coal Pact Extension

By United Press

The United Mine Workers Scale Committee took no action tonight on a proposed 30-day extension of their wage contract, and a strike of 72,000 anthracite miners beginning at midnight appeared virtually certain.

OPA Reduces Civilian Sugar Rations

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP).—The Office of Price Administration tonight reduced the annual sugar allotment for ration book holders from 24 to 15 pounds.

The order applies to sugar stamp No. 36 which becomes valid tomorrow. It must cover the period between May 1 and Sept. 1. This is an average of one and one-quarter pounds of sugar per month for each book holder.

Europe Needs More Food, Truman Told

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UP).—Judge Samuel I. Rosenman reported to President Truman tonight that if the United States meets its responsibilities in feeding peoples in war-ravaged Europe, "the ration of the American consumer" may have to be cut further.

Big North Italy Industrialists Flee to Spain; Warrants Issued

Warrants are out in North Italy for the arrest of top industrialists who financed Mussolini's fascism, and BBC reported that a group of 10 prominent individuals has reached Barcelona by plane from Milan.

on without the knowledge of Soviet authorities.

"Three hundred Soviet citizens disappeared from England and we are still searching for them," he said.

Golikov was particularly indignant about the alleged treatment of Russians held in Egypt.

He accused British authorities there of allowing "wide access" to Gen. Wladyslaw Anders' Polish soldiers to "carry on provocative activity. . . . Polish agitators methodically visited the Suez transit camp where they spread malicious anti-Soviet propaganda. . . ."

"Soviet prisoners tried to report these activities from Cairo," he said, "but Cairo censorship suppressed it."

As Berlin tottered, Soviet armies on both flanks broke through disintegrating defenses to score impressive victories that Marshal Joseph Stalin heralded in two Orders of the Day.

In the North, Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army broke through to the Baltic at Griefswald, 64 miles northwest of Stettin, after a 20-mile spurt and cut off Swinemuende at the entrance of Stettin Bay as well as the port of Peenemuende where the V-bomb was designed. Storming northwest and west on a 75-mile front, the Second White Russian Army also cut a 25-mile stretch of the Berlin Rostock railroad by capturing Gransee, Fuerstenberg and Neustrelitz, and drove within 50 miles of British troops advancing from the Elbe.

On their north flank at Griefswald, Rokossovsky's troops stood only 17 miles south of the Baltic port of Stralsund.

In Eastern Czechoslovakia, Gen. Andrei I. Yermenko's Fourth Ukrainian Army captured the Silesian manufacturing center of Moravská-Ostrava, key to the Moravian Gap and 50 miles to the southeast seized Zilina, Slovak transport hub.

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The warrants name Donegani, the chemical magnate; Pirelli, the rubber king, and Treccani and Marinelli of the huge textile trust, Snia Viscosa.

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Europe to Mark May First; Unionists Here Greet Day

As May Day celebrations throughout Europe will hail today the new era of liberation, the lights will go on fully in the Soviet Union's capital city for the first time since Hitler's attack in 1941. "Greeting to Our Allies Who Linked Up

12,000 Attend Needle Trades Rally for Frisco

A crowd of needle trades workers, estimated at 12,000, yesterday jammed a market noon hour rally backing the San Francisco security conference and lustily cheered speakers who called for extended popular action to insure unity of the Big Three powers.

The rally, held under the auspices of the Ladies Garment Center of the American Labor Party, was the first big public manifestation of its kind among workers employed in the women's garment trade. It was held at 36th St., between Seventh and Eighth Aves. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union, to which most of them belong, has failed to initiate any projects along this line and its leadership, through the union paper, Justice, has actually carried on an attack on decisions of the Big Three, made at Yalta, now being developed further at the San Francisco meeting.

Corliss Lamont, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, City Councilman Stanley Isaacs and William Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, were principal speakers at the rally for which Arnold Ames, ALP Center secretary, was chairman.

BUGABOO

The issue of Poland is being raised as a bugaboo by enemies of United Nations unity, Lamont warned.

He called for public expression that would defeat the disruptor and renewed activity "this time not in the field of battle but in the peaceful development of an abundant life" through a world coalition of democratic countries, led by the U. S., Britain and the Soviet Union.

Anticipating early victory in Europe and not-too-distant surrender in the Far East, Isaacs, too, pointed to important struggles now, related to the battlefield but dealing actually with the peace.

"We must make sure there are no further wars," he said. "The future of civilization is at stake. Peace can be won only if the great nations agree, and ultimately all the world. We need the unity of all but especially the mutual understanding of the Big Three."

The rally adopted a resolution which hails the San Francisco parley, pledged wholehearted support to its aims and to President Truman in helping to carry them out. The declaration and all speakers paid tribute to the late President Roosevelt, pledging to carry out his program. Several tons of used clothing were collected at the rally for the national clothing drive to help war victims.

ALP Urges Frisco Act on Palestine

The State Executive Committee of the American Labor Party has urged on the American delegation to the San Francisco Conference "the unequivocal cancellation of the White Paper Policy, the adoption of an International Bill of Rights for the peoples of all countries, and the establishment of Palestine as a democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

Announcement of the action was made by Benjamin Fielding, ALP State Executive Secretary, at a Rally for Palestine at the Lewisohn Stadium sponsored by the American Jewish Conference, the American Zionist Emergency Council, the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine.

With Us on the Elbe" will be a leading official Soviet slogan for the holiday of international labor solidarity, the Moscow radio announced. In the big May Day celebration at the Soviet capital, greetings will be extended to "our brother Slavs," "the Fraternal Polish people" and to "the nations of Europe struggling against Fascism."

In France the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) will stage a one-day strike in protest at the slow course of justice against the collaborationists. The time lost is to be made up later by overtime work. In England and in many countries of Europe the May Day demonstrations will link up joy at the near approach to victory with demands for stern action against the war criminals and the quislings.

GREETINGS HERE

Greetings to the Daily Worker and its work for international co-operation featured the holiday here. A number of these were printed in Sunday's Worker.

May Perlow, secretary-treasurer of the United Furniture Workers, CIO, in extolling the work of the paper for international unity, said in part: "It is significant that the opening of the San Francisco conference took place only five days before May 1, that great day of world labor solidarity. It is no accident that in the days of Teheran, Yalta and San Francisco, world labor unity was being shaped. Labor unity is no separate achievement from National Unity and from unity of the United Nations."

John Rey, secretary of the Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants Union, Local 89 AFL, warmly greeted the paper and stated that his local "as an AFL union" disagrees with the position taken by the American Federation of Labor Executive Council against world labor unity. "We believe that we should become a part, together with the other labor movements of the world, of the Labor Unity Congress."

Morris Muster, international president of the United Furniture Workers, CIO, in referring to "the very high purposes" that rule the celebration of May Day, stated: "The death of President Roosevelt means that we must redouble our efforts to bring the war to a speedy conclusion and to bend all our energies to establish a permanent peace."

UE VICE PRESIDENT

Among the many other greetings to the Daily Worker, to the San Francisco conference's success and May Day were salutations from Ernest De Maio, general vice president, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO; P. Charles De Neri, secretary-treasurer, Barbers and Beauty Culturists Union, CIO; Morris Davis, secretary, Painters Local Union 848, AFL; John T. McManus, president, Newspaper Guild of New York; Abe Feinglas, vice president and Midwest director, International Fur and Leather Workers, CIO; James Drury, San Francisco port agent, National Maritime Union; Ernest Lavino, vice president and general organizer, AFL Cooks Union, Local 44, San Francisco;

Also, Francis O'Connor, business agent, United Furniture Workers, Local 136-B, Boston; William Gilbert, Regional Director, United Furniture Workers, CIO; Nat Gangle, business agent, Local 155, United Auto Workers, CIO; Mort Furay, president, State, County and Municipal Workers District 4, CIO; Harold L. Shapiro, international representative for Michigan, International Fur and Leather Workers Union; John Marmon, president, Local 101, United Rubber Workers. Also, James Lustig, district rep-

Wagner Backs UOPWA Salary Service Plan

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-NY) and 16 other members of Congress have endorsed the free salary information service for employers and employees initiated by the CIO United Office & Professional Workers, Lewis Merrill, president, announced yesterday.

The plan offers union guidance to win raises to the unorganized without charge. Its endorsement by Wagner, a pioneer fighter for genuine trade unionism, came as certain circles in the labor movement, most of them narrow in their outlook, expressed skepticism of the plan. The Wage Earnings, for instance, organ of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in Detroit, claims that service to non-union members may weaken organized labor.

Sen. Wagner, however, wrote Merrill he considered the service "an important and constructive step in the direction of relieving the plight of salaried employees whose income has remained relatively static while the cost of living has increased substantially."

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla) said the plan was "an important contribution." Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont), said it was a "constructive program . . . to bring public attention to the plight of underpaid salaried workers." Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga) said he believed the service would be "most helpful."

Launched in New York April 9 at White Collar Center, 30 E. 29th St., the free salary information program has spread to Newark, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, and other major cities.

Other congressmen who have given support to the program are Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, Charles A. Buckley, Frank E. Hook, John M. Coffee, Cleveland M. Bailey, John J. Rooney, George P. Miller, Vito Marcantonio, Michael Bradley, Augustus W. Bennet, Ellis E. Patterson, George H. Bender and Herman P. Koppelman, Conn.

High Court Term May End May 28

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP). The Supreme Court voted tentatively today to end its current momentous term May 28, but the many cases awaiting decision probably will prevent adjournment before mid-June.

Cases not decided include the suit by west coast labor leader Harry Bridges to set aside a Justice Department order for his deportation to Australia.

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Greetings from members of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, Local 1 on this May Day, traditional day for commemorating the rights of the common man, we white collar workers pledge to work with renewed vigor for the completion of the program of the late President Roosevelt and his successor, President Truman.

Our goal is to rally our fellow employees and our employers for total victory, lasting peace, and the enactment of the "Economic Bill of Rights."

GREETINGS

from a
FRIEND

Labor Dept. Proposes Maternity Leave Plan

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP).—The Labor Department tonight recommended that union contracts provide maternity leave up to one year and 14 weeks for the nation's 16,500,000 women workers in non-agriculture employment to prevent dismissal for pregnancy.

The Women's Bureau said a survey of 92 war industry union contracts in the midwest showed that only five contained maternity leave provisions.

The bureau's model maternity leave provision states that "pregnancy shall not be grounds for dismissal of any employee." It also provides:

1. Transfer from jobs dangerous for expectant mothers to more suitable work recommended by a physician.

2. Maternity leave of not less than six weeks before delivery and eight weeks afterwards; additional leave up to one year at employee's request and upon presentation of physician's certificate.

3. Accumulation of seniority during the first three and one half months absence on maternity leave and thereafter retention of full seniority until one year from the date leave began.

4. Payment of all unused sick leave allowance in both the current and preceding years and all unused current vacation allowance at the start of maternity leave.

5. Return to a former job at current rate of pay or, if such work is not available, transfer to another job of equivalent value.

The bureau said that the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers with more than 200,000 women members and the CIO United Automobile Workers with more than 350,000 women members are seeking to include maternity leave clauses in all new contracts.

ACW Assets \$4,857,940

The CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers boasts net assets of \$4,857,940, most of it in government securities, an audit made public by the union yesterday in accordance with its established policy, shows.

Government holdings increased from \$2,972,000 11 months ago to \$3,342,000 as of Dec. 31 last, the report says.

The ACW general office, which alone is covered by the report, distributed \$211,432 to the United Nations Relief Fund and war and community funds during the fiscal year. This was exclusive of \$507,000 in contributions to the same causes made by joint boards and local affiliates.

Union net assets rose \$517,827 though per capita income fell by about 3 per cent as compared to the previous year. Thirty-two new locals were chartered. The greatest gain was made in the cotton garment industry, where the greatest number of workers not yet organized in the apparel trade are employed. The union now has a membership of 325,000 and reports that contractual relations were established with about 100 firms not previously covered by agreements during the fiscal year.

Rep. Coffee to Address Slav Rally

Congressman John M. Coffee of Washington, staunch proponent of international cooperation for peace will address the American Slav Congress Concert-Rally at Carnegie Hall, Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The Concert-Rally will demonstrate the support of Americans of Slav origin behind the San Francisco Security Conference in building a world peace organization based on Allied unity and the ideals of the late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Convictions in Sedition Trial Contempt Stand

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP).—Two contempt citations growing out of the mass sedition trial were upheld today by the U. S. Court of Appeals and a third was reversed.

It set aside the 90-day jail sentence imposed on Attorney Henry H. Klein of New York for contempt in failing to return to represent his client after a five-day court recess. The appeals court held that if he "is to be punished for his gross misconduct, it must be under some other provision of the law."

The Appellate Court held that Klein's "conduct in this respect was inexcusable" but said it could not uphold the citation since the offense did not occur "in the presence of the court or so near as to obstruct the administration of justice."

Conviction of defendant Ellis O. Jones was upheld. He was fined \$100 "for failing to heed the admonitions of the court."

The sedition trial ended in a mistrial last December after the death of the presiding justice. Plans for a new trial are indefinite.

Reaction Plot Looms in Greece

The Greek American Council warned yesterday that a monarch-fascist junta in the Greek Army is plotting to restore the Greek monarchy by force. In a cable to Greek Regent Archbishop Damaskinos, Stelios Pistolakis, council president, protested formation of a Militarist League which parallels the army group which reinstated King George in 1935 and later helped to impose and uphold fascism in Greece.

'Flivver' Plane Featured in UAW Reconversion Plan

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, April 30.—Acting to offset dislocations in employment, otherwise inevitable because of layoffs in war production, the international executive board of the CIO United Auto Workers has prepared concrete reconversion proposals to government and industry.

Their recommendations, embodied in what the union calls the Thomas (after R. J. Thomas, UAW president), plan, include:

Full development of air freight and passenger service for America and for the world. Costs for such service could be cut and traffic multiplied, the union says.

Extensive building of airports and airport facilities.

Intensified research, backed by government, for development of a "flivver" plane, safe, cheap and efficient, for mass sale.

Development of large scale civilian aviation training programs.

PLANE PLANT CONVERSION

Conversion of surplus aircraft plants.

The union proposes that the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion establish, in conjunction with its advisory committee, a council of engineers and experts to survey surplus aircraft facilities after V-E day and V-J day to determine possible use in other manufacture.

Conversion to pre-fabrication of low-cost housing units, already proposed by some authorities, is recommended for investigation. Another avenue of possibility suggested is use of surplus aircraft plants for modernization of outmoded railway rolling stock. Assembly plants and even sub assembly plants manufacturing wing and fuselages are ideally suited to manufacture of cheap coaches and freight cars, the union

adds. Some 200,000 aircraft workers might be employed on this alone, it is suggested.

The Thomas plan generally is based on expansion of aircraft production for civilian purposes, large scale housing and like projects, and increased compensation and other reconversion benefits for servicemen and production workers.

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WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP).—The War Manpower Commission tonight listed 5,000 civilian occupations which Navy enlisted personnel would be qualified to take up when discharged.

A book, "Special Aids" soon to be published, will contain the list and explain how the training and experience of sailors, Waves, Seabees, and coastguardsmen can be used in civilian jobs.

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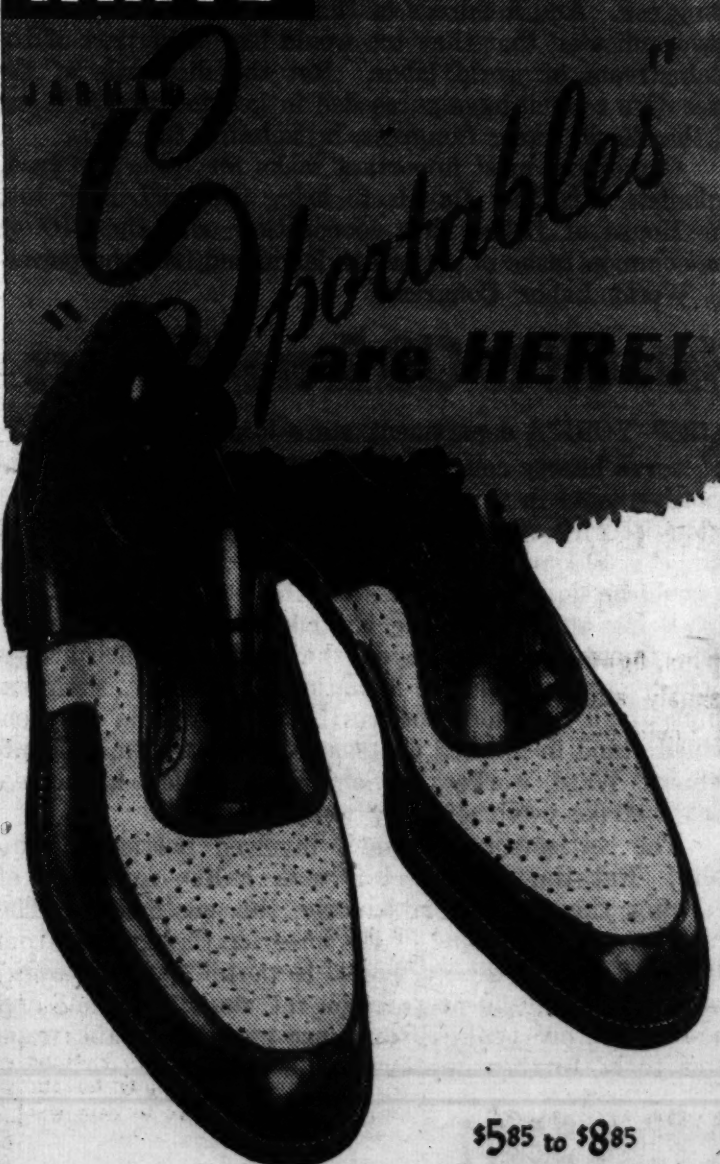
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May Day 1945

THIS is the happiest May Day for world labor since the tidal wave of fascism began to engulf Europe. Now the Nazis are on the verge of total disaster. The people are already meting out their stern justice to the war criminals like Mussolini.

This year labor's holiday of international labor solidarity has a new meaning. May Day finds world labor united as never before, 60,000,000 strong in the World Labor Congress. Labor's new-found unity is part of the larger unity forged in the process of the war. Labor has everywhere been the backbone of the anti-fascist war effort. It has been the backbone of the national unity encompassing all classes and political viewpoints and of the international unity joining socialist and capitalist nations.

This is a May Day for rejoicing—and for rededication to the tasks still ahead. Now the job is to mop up in Europe and defeat Japan, to continue and strengthen wartime unity in the struggles for complete elimination of fascism, for a rebirth of democracy everywhere, for the independence of colonial peoples, for building a lasting peace on the basis of political and economic cooperation.

In Europe and in our own country, these are the goals of labor on May Day, 1945. It is true that the United States is perhaps the only free democratic country where May Day is not the official holiday of the labor movement, marked by great parades and demonstrations. But it is also true that the spirit of May Day this year is more deeply imbedded in the hearts and minds of millions of American workers than ever before.

The CIO is now part of the all-inclusive World Labor Congress. And hundreds of thousands of AFL members have indicated that they too would like to be part of the mainstream of world labor. But the die-hards of the executive council have succeeded in keeping the AFL out of the World Labor Congress, in isolating the AFL.

One of the most important tasks for American trade unionists this May Day is to bring the AFL back into the House of Labor, into cooperation with the CIO on the common tasks of American labor and into the powerful World Labor Congress.

Hats Off to CIO Store Workers

NEW YORK'S department store locals of the CIO deserve hearty congratulations for winning substantial improvements in working and wage standards as well as union security affecting some 12,000 employees of Macy's, Gimbel's, Bloomingdale's and Hearn's. They showed how it could be done without a strike.

Being affiliates of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, the union of which strike-inciter Samuel Wolchok is national president, their example is all the more noteworthy. The results they obtained stand in marked contrast to the position of Montgomery Ward workers, whom Wolchok led to believe that a strike was their only weapon.

The settlement at Macy's involved particular difficulty. But the union met it with a live campaign of reaching the public, particularly the customers. The result was a broadening of the base for their union from 3,000 to 5,000 employees; "portal to portal" pay for workers who lose time in preparation for work; real time and one-half for overtime; a severance pay clause, and wage rates to be further improved.

A Fine Start

NO appreciation could have been warmer than that expressed for the Daily Worker and The Worker at the Sunday press conference. This expression by the trade union delegates and others of the papers' great value gives real impetus to the \$100,000 financial drive.

That fund could never do more good than just now. To the past record of the Daily Worker for labor and the nation, there is now added its responsibility to offset the bad acting of the commercial press on San Francisco. Earl Browder presented the indictment against that press when he stated that to an appalling extent they are "playing fast and loose with the national interest in an irresponsible manner."

The Daily Worker and The Worker have, therefore, a big job thrust upon them. The \$100,000 set as the fund goal is small compared to the services the papers are called upon to perform. That thought can spur our friends to their greatest energy and devotion.

WARTIME MAY DAY



— To Tell the Truth —

SON

by Robert Minor

HE WOULD have been 21 this July. He was 18 when he told me with a happy smile that he had been accepted. Two years later, the first day of last August, before he went overseas, we had a long talk; then he walked with me to the door of this office and shook hands and said goodbye. He was not really my son, but I felt as though he had been since the time he used to ride on my shoulder.



In Holland he was the furthest man on the extreme right flank. The commanding officer told the company it would be necessary not to retreat until the enemy came to a point 50 yards away. The German armored cars worked up to 50 yards, and the Americans began to get out as ordered. Being the last man on the extreme flank, Ellery remained, firing, until all the others were out. He stayed and kept on firing until the German armored cars were within 20 feet. They shot him at 20 feet.

ONE OF his friends wrote to his mother:

"Somewhere in Germany, January 25, 1945.

"Dear Mrs. Huntington:

"I've started a letter to you many times only to tear it up. What can a fellow say to his friend's Mother? Tell her about patriotism, about duty, about stuff like that. I know just a little how you feel.

"In the Infantry we call it 'guts.' I don't know what makes for it in a man; breeding, inheritance, or

what. It's the ability to stay up there no matter what comes. Ellery had it to a great degree believe me.

"The night I was slightly wounded Ellery shared the same hole with me. The huns attacked and one shot went right through Ellery's helmet, knocking it off. Didn't faze him a bit. Most fellows would have been all through for the night. All he did was fire the faster, staying very cool. I remember him asking me if I thought the supply sergeant would have him signing a statement of charges for a new helmet.

"You know most fellows, when they get in the Army let everything else go (keeping up with current affairs, reading, etc.). I don't know where Ellery found the time, but he never let the Army get him down. I gave up trying to beat him in a discussion. He made my arguments look so sick so many times. We got

to town once in a while over here for some Dutch beer. Someone would play the piano, we'd sing a bit, talk a lot, mostly of home. He worried a lot about you, hoping you were all right.

"We're proud to have known your son, Mrs. Huntington. He was a fine soldier, a wonderful friend. We miss him very much. The whole Company sends its deepest sympathy.

"In reading over these pages these words seem so damn insignificant, so little comfort. I'm very sorry, Mrs. Huntington.

"CHARLES HUNT

"P. S. I will try the A. P. O. about the packages. If they are not held up I will distribute them among his platoon. Thank you."

I AM printing this because I know he would want it to be in the Daily Worker. His mother does.

Worth Repeating

WOMEN PRISONERS OF THE NAZIS, returning to France from Germany, are described by Janet Flanner, from Paris to the current (April 28) issue of the New Yorker, in which she said: Of the 300 women whom the Ravensbruck Kommandant had selected as being able to put up the best appearance, 11 had died en route. One woman, taken from the train unconscious and placed on a litter, by chance opened her eyes just as De Gaulle's color guard marched past her with the French tricolor. She lifted an emaciated arm, pointed to the flag, and swooned again.

One woman, six years ago renowned in Paris for her elegance, had become a bent, dazed, shabby old woman. When her smartly attired brother, who met her, said, like an automaton, "Where is your luggage?" she silently handed him what looked like a dirty black sweater fastened with safety pins around whatever small belongings were rolled inside. In a way, all the women looked alike: their faces were gray-green, with reddish-brown circles around her eyes, which seemed to see but not to take in. They were dressed like scarecrows, in what had been given them at camp, clothes taken from the dead of all nationalities.

ARGENTINA'S RULERS are anything but democratic, said Estelle M. Sternberger in her Tuesday night broadcast over Station WLIB, declaring: The reports to date indicate that more than 400 citizens of democratic principles have been arrested this week-end by the Farrell-Peron regime. You, the individual American, ask yourself whether our nation and other American republics could possibly take pride in a solid inter-American front that was stained by these latest anti-democratic acts in Argentina.

Your Home Town

"WAR," said Marty in his inimitable, husky whispering voice, "has its compensations and its headaches for us taxi drivers." He took a deep breath and was about to continue in that ruminating vein when I growled: "Now don't start one of your long winded dissertations with me. Like everybody, I know now the war has hit the taxi industry. What I asked you was a question of pristine simplicity, to wit: what sort of things do you hackies run into in the course of a night's work? Now stick to that."



I can take liberties with Marty. We're old friends. "Okay," he said with disappointment, "what you want is somethin' for that column of yours, eh? Well, wise guy, nothin' unusual happens to hackies. It's a boring business. So I'll be seein' you. Good day!" Marty was just being coy. He likes to act coy, probably a psychological substitution for his looks which are anything but beautiful. Marty resembles a stump of prehistoric redwood chiseled into human form by a sculptor with the ague. And he habitually talks in a whisper because when he tries to use a normal speaking voice it sounds like a blow torch down in a manhole. But I like him and he likes me. Finally I coaxed him to recall a few incidents in his profession.

Needed: A Society for Prevention Of Cruelty to Taxi Drivers

by John Meldon

"Well," he said, "the other day I'm parked down on Tenth St. near Third Ave., when a woman hangs out the second floor of an apartment and yells bloody murder. So I hops out of my heap and say what's the matter lady? So she yells that her husband is beatin' her. So I ask her how big is her husband, and she gets sore and hollers this is a fine time to be askin' for details."

I kept a straight face and dutifully noted same. "That's more like it," I complimented him. "Now what else of unusual nature have you in your Manhattan meanderings?"

"ANOTHER thing happens to me over in Brooklyn a few weeks ago when I take a fare over there," Marty went on. "I squawked at making a Brooklyn run . . . on account of our gas allotments, y'know, but this poor guy pleads with me. He says he can't even take the subway and walk from there to where he wants to go. His feet are bad. So I ask him where he wants to go in Brooklyn, and he says I want to go to the American Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Feet. That does it! I say scram, bum, because I'm in no mood for gags. This is my gagless day, sir, so beat it. But the poor fellow says he's not bein' funny and all I got to do is look in the phone book and I'll find it listed. I'm burned, and I hop into a store on the corner. Sure enough, there it is in the Manhattan book, too."

I drive my fare over to Brooklyn and so help me there it is, at 297 Livingston St.

"That's all, Marty," I stopped him. "I don't believe it. I gotta go now." I didn't like being ribbed either. Marty shrugged and drove me to the nearest subway and we weren't on speaking terms when I left him. When I got into the office I looked up the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Feet and as Marty had said earlier, so help me, it was listed. I got on the phone and called the number—CU 6-0129. A Mr. G. J. Fitzgerald answered, said he is the president of the outfit.

"WHAT is your function in society, may I ask?" I queried cautiously, expecting heavens knows what. But the gentleman on the other end sounded rational enough, in fact he sounded quite business-like.

"We help people with foot trouble," he said. "The society holds regular lectures weekly—or we did until the war—and we show scientific films on the subject of footwear. And we also believe that shoe stores should be licensed, because the average person doesn't know how to properly choose footwear. Shoe salesmen should require a license just like an optician. Do you know how many millions of people suffer from foot disorders? Now you take . . ."

Apparently Mr. Fitzgerald was getting wound up to deliver a lecture so I terminated the conversation, satisfied that this is indeed a strange world. Now I'm looking for Marty. I intend to apologize and hear the rest of his story.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Jersey Town Council Favors Dumbarton Oaks

Bloomfield, N. J.
Editor, Daily Worker:

On April 23, the Town Council of the town of Bloomfield, N. J., unanimously endorsed the Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

The resolution said, in part: "Be it resolved by the Town Council of Bloomfield, N. J., that it record itself as strongly urging the Representatives of the United States to the Conference of Nations to be held at San Francisco, Cal., to adopt some appropriate plan or procedure that will, in their best judgment, insure a lasting peace with justice to all peoples; believing that the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods proposals could be made the basis for such a plan."

Present at the meeting when the resolution was passed were representatives of the teachers' organization, civic organizations, nationality groups and trade unions, including UE, 408, 410, 416, 422; Steel Workers, 2106; Auto, 713; Gas, Coke and Chemical, 475, and Mine, Mill and Smelter. JAMES MOORE, President Local 416, UERMWA-CIO.

Dress Workers Mourn FDR

Manhattan.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The sudden death of our beloved Franklin Delano Roosevelt left us all with shocked surprise and deep sorrow.

Friday, April 13, 1945, we were not able to work. We were glad when our boss decided to close up his place of business. We all contributed 25 cents each in order to send telegrams. One was sent to Eleanor Roosevelt expressing our sorrow. The other was sent to President Harry S. Truman, pledging our support. The amount of \$8.25 was sent to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation in memory of FDR.

We received an answer to our telegram from the White House, Washington, which said that the President was deeply touched by our kind message and that he is especially grateful for this pledge of confidence and support.

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Story of Yugoslavia With Interesting Thought

Newark, N. J.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The other day a friend of mine gave me a magazine called Today and Tomorrow, written and published by Louis Adamic, which told a remarkable story about Yugoslavia. It was the account of why Mikhailovitch had obtained certain British aid, due solely to the desire of certain greedy investors to bleed the Yugoslavs white. Among them, surprisingly, was the novelist Rebecca West and her husband, which may explain why she was so pro-Chetnik for some time. Adamic says that of course investments will be welcomed in the new Yugoslavia, "but they won't come on their own terms, it will be on Yugoslavia's." He says that will be the case in many undeveloped countries, in his opinion. It's an interesting thought. W. N. W.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

JOHN L. LEWIS also has a postwar perspective and Collier's magazine seems to have a particular yen for it. "There is no labor movement" by John L. Lewis is the wishful thought and title Collier's features on the front cover of its current issue.

The man who once dreamed of dictating to the whole labor movement as he now dominates the mine, union, acknowledges that some 15,000,000 are organized in labor unions today but he pooch-pooches the whole thing as nothing but a "political company union." Conditions for labor, Lewis would have us understand, are worse than they have been in many a year.



"Have I a remedy to propose? Why not?" writes Lewis. "First and foremost, there must be an immediate and final end to the present alliance between certain sections of organized labor and the political 'machines' in cities, states and the nation."

This is why reactionary circles, including publishers of Collier's are today looking to Lewis as "Labor's statesman" of the future. They hope he will be more successful than Matthew Woll, Bill Hutcheson and their pals in the AFL in cracking the coalition of forces Roosevelt built. This has been their most cherished goal since earliest New Deal days. As the late President so often stressed, con-

by George Morris

tinuance of our national wartime unity of constructive forces, is the key to a postwar policy of expanded economy and higher standards. In this coalition around the Roosevelt perspective, labor is the backbone.

During the presidential campaign, Lewis and Hutcheson also shouted for labor "independence" from politics. Thereby they hoped to crack the almost unanimous support for Roosevelt in labor ranks. Now they raise the same slogan to undermine the unity that is shaping on postwar policy. They are above all trying to destroy the CIO's Political Action Committee which has become a permanent and potent political factor.

LEWIS is not really opposed to labor being a part of a political coalition. Strange as it may seem Lewis played a big part in setting U.S. labor on a track towards the PAC. It is he who founded Labor's Non-Partisan League through which he personally headed an active campaign for Roosevelt in 1936 and for many state candidates.

But John L. had some illusions. He saw himself Secretary of Labor and a cabinet member. Having been told by Roosevelt that there is a bigger stake for labor in the coalition than a reward for him or his few henchmen, Lewis, thereupon, concluded that as of a certain date in 1938, the New Deal died.

Both Lewis' early interest in the CIO and the LNPL, were regarded by him only as

Reaction Grooms Lewis As Its 'Labor Statesman'

stepping stones to personal power. He lost interest and sought to destroy both of these movements as soon as his illusions faded. But he soon also found out that the movements were not personal. Millions of members continued on and left Lewis behind to scream at history for cheating him.

LEWIS' cynical friends on the AFL's executive council have been having a good many belly-laughs over what has happened. "John learned his lesson," they say, as they open the doors of the "house of labor" to the prodigal son. They want his support now for what they hope will once more turn out into an era like the one we had in the twenties.

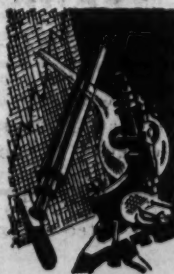
The top leaders of the AFL, in those days, also professed to be "independent" of politics. But that was in order to prevent the members from giving direct organized expression to political sentiment. The practice was for labor leaders to make backdoor deals with reactionary politicians and then to give them public endorsement as "friends of labor." The politicians, then, used the union label they received to gather up votes of union workers. Real issues played no part. No real organized political action was carried on.

This is precisely the sort of political auction block Lewis, Woll, Hutcheson, Dubinsky and pals are now trying to build up. This is absolutely necessary for the political alliance with the most reactionary employer circles that they want to strengthen.

Science Notebook

UNTIL recently it was believed that organic life was impossible at such altitudes as the Pamirs. Dead animals dried out and became mummified instead of decomposing. Animal manure, so essential for the enrichment of the soil was not absorbed. Soviet scientists soon showed that a system of minimum irrigation was all that was needed to change such a condition.

But the problem of bringing crops to the Pamir range was the problem of retaining the water. Only an inch of moisture precipitation would occur some years, most of which came from snow. Tajik farmers have performed miracles of irrigation engineering in bringing water to their crops.



The retention of water in the soil, however, depends upon forest belts and the Pamir range was not rich in timber land. The collective farmers made up for this "omission" of nature and with the help of the Soviet government planted more than 300,000 trees—willows, poplar, ash and maple. Along the banks of their prized irrigation canals were planted more than 10,000 mulberry trees. The leaves of these trees provided food for the silkworm and also aided in enriching the soil.

by Peter Stone

Bringing irrigation and planting seeds was hard enough but the real problem was overcoming the dry (hot and cold) Pamir air. For how could crops grow in an atmosphere that was extremely hot during the day and went below freezing at night—from California weather to sub arctic temperatures all in the space of 24 hours?

Tajik scientists and their Soviet colleagues learned how to utilize these natural obstacles which for so many centuries had prevented the development of productive life in the Pamir range land. They studied the effect of the great mid-day heat and found that the plants absorbed more than their normal requirements of carbon dioxide and water. They also discovered that plants and vegetables grew much more rapidly in this region than elsewhere in the world.

THIS meant that what was needed was not plants that could withstand cold—but plants that could grow quickly—and these were found in Arabia, Ethiopia and Palestine. Usually, such plants would be affected adversely at sudden temperature changes. But again the Soviet scientists found something in the Pamir air which changed the nature of things.

The rapid growth of the plants under the intense heat of the day produced an enormous

Tajik Mountain Farming

amount of sugar. However, the rapid change to cold prevented the plants from changing the sugar into starch and thus the Pamir plants had an excessively high sugar content.

This was a protective factor against Pamir wintry night blasts because the super-sugar plants and vegetables could survive cold of 10 to 20 degrees below freezing. Pamir oats contain 40 percent sugar by volume; and sugar cabbages and radishes are the usual thing. Hay and straw contained six to eight times the sugar content found in similar plants at sea level areas. Soviet agriculturists see in this type of vegetation the possibility of intensive cattle culture.

FURTHER research showed that Pamir vegetables contained more than two and one-half times the amount of vitamin C than that found for similar plants at sea level. This solved an important dietary problem for Soviet people living in mountainous regions. Up until 1934 the Pamir simply did not know what was meant by a potato. The tubers were first introduced by Red Army frontier troops. Today it is the favored crop of the collective dekkans (peasants) and at the Stalin Collective yields have been brought in running between 30 and 33 tons per acre.

Local scientists are helping the collectives speed the introduction of new crops. The Pamir Botanical Gardens has provided the dekkans collectives with 40,000 seedlings of fruit trees, berry bushes and grape vines.

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Colonial Trusteeship Plan Held Likely to Win at Parley

By **FREDERICK V. FIELD**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—The problem of colonies and mandates is another of many issues which a large section of the press has consistently predicted would wreck this conference. No such a thing will happen. That part of the problem on which it will be possible to reach agreement will be dealt with,

and reflected in the new world organization. That part on which agreement has not been reached will not be on the official agenda. It will be postponed for later solution by the new organization itself.

During the first days of the conference, conversations with many delegates, experts and representatives of the press make it possible to draw a fairly certain boundary between those parts of the colonial question which can now be handled and those parts which cannot.

The tip-off came even before the formal opening of UNCTO, at Secretary of State Stettinius' first San Francisco press conference. He told us that the American delegation had reached a definite position on the question of trusteeship which it expected to put forward at the conference.

He did not tell us the scope or nature of this agreement. But it is abundantly clear that the highly-publicized dispute between the State Department and the Navy

over the disposition of the Japanese island mandates in the Pacific has been resolved. The State Department had opposed unilateral American annexation of these islands on the ground that such a policy would open the doors to similar claims by other powers.

The Union of South Africa, to take but one example, would be encouraged to annex outright the former German colonies in southwest Africa, up to now only a mandate. What little adherence was given the principle of trusteeship under the mandate system of the old League of Nations would thus be lost.

The Navy's position as expressed by Admiral Ernest King and others called for American acquisition in order to carry out the military responsibility which would be theirs.

U. S. PROPOSAL

It is evident, however, that the American proposal will call for the acceptance of the principle of international trusteeship over dependent peoples with the understanding that no concrete application of the principle is to be made by the UNCTO.

The trusteeship will be defined with respect to colonial populations and resources in such a way as to separate it from the question of military air or naval bases. The United States will propose that the operation of such bases be carried out by the nation having obvious military power in the area while ultimate sovereignty will rest in a commission of the world security organization.

The other American proposals will follow a similar line. Where colonial people and economic resources are concerned, as in the case of the southwest African colonies, administration is to be left in the hands of a single mandatory power but—and here is where the old League system is to be strengthened—the authority of the international trustee will be considerably greater than in the past.

The British, French and Dutch have been apprehensive on the colonial issue, and particularly on what the American delegation might try to do at San Francisco to speed up the liquidation of colonialism. Australia has been concerned about losing control over neighboring islands. The American proposal does not provide solutions. It provides a means to a solution.

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Italian Communists Urge Amity With Yugoslavia

OUTLINE PRINCIPLES FOR SETTLING FRONTIER QUESTIONS

As Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Army battles in the streets of Trieste, the question of that city's future is bound to come under discussion. When he was in Moscow recently, Marshal Tito announced that Yugoslavia would lay claim to Trieste and to the entire Istrian Peninsula which were awarded Italy in 1919.

Italian Communists believe that Italian-Yugoslav border question must be solved on the basis of three principles: friendship toward Yugoslavia, condemnation of crimes committed by Italian fascism against the Yugoslav peoples, rejection of all attempts to retain non-Italian peoples within Italy's frontiers.

As to remaining difficult problems, the Communist magazine Rinascenta published in Rome declared re-

cently, their solution "must be sought through direct contact and collaboration between the two peoples in the fight against fascism, against the Germans, and for creation in the two countries of peaceful, democratic and progressive regimes."

Rinascenta pointed out that fascist Italy had attacked Yugoslavia and that the democratic Yugoslav peoples were victorious. Whoever tries to separate the question of Italy's frontiers from this fact is a non-realist or a demagogue who "seeks to cause his complicity with fascist imperialism to be forgotten," the magazine asserted.

Some are even trying to point Italy as the chosen barrier against the "advancing tide from the East."

Rinascenta cited a "high Italian official" who reportedly warned the Anglo-American Allies that their mistakes in Italy would please "the man" in "the cold halls of the Kremlin."

"In the case of our relations with Yugoslavia, the path of speculation on eventual discords among the Allies cannot but lead to new catastrophe," the Communist organ warned.

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The Henry Forbes Community Club, of 201 Second Avenue, New York, has been designated as a clothing depot for donations to the United Nations Clothing Committee.

Franco 'Naturalizing' Key Nazis in Thousands

The Franco-Falange dictatorship in Spain is "naturalizing" key Germans at the rate of more than 3,000 a week, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade revealed here yesterday. More than 50,000 Nazis assigned to important postwar underground work have already received Spanish citizenship, the Veterans said, quoting Spanish exiles in contact with the anti-Franco Madrid Supreme Junta.

The Friends of the Spanish Republic yesterday presented a memorandum to the San Francisco Conference urging delegates to make entry of the Franco regime in the World Security Organization impossible, and facilitate formation of a democratic Spanish Government,

and reserve a place for it on the world organization. The memorandum was signed by Preda Kirchwey, chairman of the Friends' executive committee.

The French Press Agency said Sunday that "armed opposition groups" were reported to be "thrusting ahead" in four mountain regions of Spain, including two areas flanking Madrid, while the Spanish Cabinet of Generalissimo Francisco Franco had been in continuous session.

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Dodgers, Yanks at Home Today; Cardinals Having Their Troubles

By NAT LOW

The Giants, who were dreaming of a world series just three days ago but who are now considerably sobered following two straight defeats at the hands of the Dodgers, travel down to Philadelphia today for the first of three games with the Phils.

Harry Feldman will be seeking his third successive victory.

The Dodgers and Yankees will be in town, the Bums tackling the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field and the Yanks taking on the Philadelphia Athletics at the Stadium.

The Dodgers, with some good pitching and timely hitting over the weekend climbed to the five hundred mark and figure to stay above it until the western clubs come in next week for the first eastern trip. Vic Lombardi, the classy curve-balling southpaw who has won one so far will probably start today against the veteran Nate Andrews for the Braves.

Luis Olmo will remain in left field, Goody Rosen in center and Augie Galan at first. Rookie Jack Douglas, who was given a crack at first base, was a sorry sight and will probably be shipped down for further seasoning. Dixie Walker, whose three run homer beat the Giants Sunday, may have snapped out of his batting slump. The major league's leading hitter last year,

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| New York | 7 | 4 | .636 | — |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 5 | .545 | 1 |
| Washington | 6 | 5 | .545 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 4 | 5 | .444 | 2 |
| Boston | 3 | 8 | .273 | 4 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 7 | .222 | 4 |

Games Today

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Washington at Boston.
Chicago at Detroit.
Cleveland at St. Louis (night).

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| | W. | L. | Pct. | Games Behind |
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| Chicago | 7 | 4 | .636 | ½ |
| St. Louis | 5 | 4 | .556 | 1½ |
| Boston | 6 | 5 | .545 | 1½ |
| Brooklyn | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 6 | .455 | 2½ |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 7 | .364 | 4 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 8 | .273 | 4½ |

Games Today

Boston at Brooklyn.
New York at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh.
Other clubs not scheduled.

Dixie is a vital cog in the Dodger machine and must hit if the Dodgers hope to finish anywhere near fifth place.

The Yanks are still plagued by their weak defense—24 errors in eleven games have put them in the lead in this odious department—

but some of the boys are beginning to find the home run range and that is the most wholesome sign any Yankee team can show. Russ Derry, with four homers and two of them with the bags loaded, is leading the league and is only two such homers away from the major league record of four jackpot roundtrippers in one season.

The tall lefthanded Missouri farmer may hit a lot of homers this year—he belts a very long ball—but he is not too consistent at the plate. Between his pair of opening day homers and his Sunday swats, Derry was held to a couple of measly singles.

The St. Louis Cardinals are having their headache. Not only was Walker Cooper inducted yesterday but Slat's Marion's ankle injury was labelled serious enough to keep him sidelined for ten days or so. Billy Southworth's not-so-merry boys are in third place with five won and four lost and, frankly, Billy is watching the second place Cubs carefully. Charlie Grimm's sluggers can win this pennant if they put enough distance between themselves and the Cards in the early part of the season.

Freddy "Red" Cochrane, world's welterweight champion in name only, will face a guy named Joe Garbaro in his first fight since being honorably discharged from the Navy. The bout will take place in Detroit and will be a non-title bout.

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-Happy Felton Show
WOR-News; Talk; Music
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
WABC-Amanda-Sketch
WMCA-News; Music Box
11:15-WABC-Second Husband
11:30-WEAF-Soldier Who Came Home
WOR-Take It Easy Time
WJZ-News; Music
WABC-Bright Horizon
WMCA-News; Talk-Linda Gray
11:45-WEAF-David Harum
WOR-Hollywood Revue
WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-Don Goddard, News
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Glamour Manor
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF-Talk-Maggi McNellis
WABC-Big Sister
12:30-WEAF-News From the Pacific
WOR-News; The Answer Man
WJZ-News; Woman's Exchange
WABC-Helen Trent
WABC-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WQXR-News; Recorded Music
1:15-WABC-Tello-Test-Quiz
WJZ-Rosa Rio, Organ
WABC-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WOR-Phil Britto, Songs
WJZ-Galen Drake
WABC-Bernardine Flynn
WMCA-News; Piano Lessons
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty-News
WOR-John J. Anthony
WABC-Young Dr. Malone

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light
WOR-News; Talk-Jane Cowl
WJZ-John B. Kennedy
WABC-Two on a Clue
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Concert Music
2:15-WEAF-Today's Children
WJZ-Eibel and Albert
WABC-Rosemary-Sketch
2:30-WEAF-Woman in White
WOR-Queen For Today
WJZ-Variety Musicale
WABC-Perry Mason
WQXR-Request Music
2:45-WEAF-Hymns of All Churches
WJZ-Correspondent Abroad
WABC-Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America

WOR-Martha Deane Program
WJZ-Appointments With Life
WABC-Time to Remember
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins
WABC-Off the Record
3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young
WOR-Talk-John Gambling
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-What's on Your Mind?
3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness
WABC-Landl Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife
WOR-News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ-Westbrook Van Voorhis
WABC-House Party
WMCA-News; Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas
WJZ-Variety Musicale
4:25-WABC-News Reports
4:30-WEAF-Lorenzo Jones
WOR-Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WJZ-Jane Flanders, From Europe
WABC-Featur Story
WMCA-News; Piano Lesson
4:45-WEAF-Young Wilder Brown
WJZ-Hop Harrigan
WABC-Danny O'Neill, Songs
5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Uncle Don
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WABC-It's Maritime
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Waltz Music
5:15-WEAF-Portia Faces Life
WOR-Superman
WJZ-Dick Tracy
WQXR-Fun With Music
5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill
WOR-House of Mystery
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WABC-Cimarron Tavern-Sketch
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR-Bandstand Music
5:45-WEAF-Front Page Farrell
WOR-Adventure of Tom Mix
WJZ-Captain Midnight
WABC-Wilderness Road
WQXR-Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News Reports
WOR-Paul Schubert
WJZ-News; Kieran's News Corner
WABC-News; Talk; Music
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WEAF-Concert Music
WOR-Soldiers With Coupons
WJZ-What Are the Facts?
WABC-Edwin C. Hill
6:25-WQXR-News; Dinner Concert
6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vandevanter
WJZ-News; Whose War-Talk
WABC-Sports-Ten
WMCA-Recorded Music
6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Peggy Mann, Songs
WABC-The World Today-News
6:55-WABC-Bob Trout, News
7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety
WOR-Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ-Headline Edition
WABC-Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF-News of the World
WOR-The Strange Dr. Weir
WJZ-Raymond Gram Swing
WABC-Variety Musicale
WMCA-Five-Star Final
WQXR-Footlight Echoes
7:30-WEAF-Dick Haymes, Songs
WOR-Arthur Hale
WJZ-One Man's Family-Play
WABC-Concert Orchestra
WMCA-Raymond Walsh
WQXR-Spotlight Music
7:45-WOR-The Answer Man
WMCA-Sid Gary, Songs
WHN-Johannes Steel
8:00-WEAF-Ginny Simms, Songs
WOR-Frank Singiser, News
WJZ-Ted Malone-From Overseas
WABC-Big Town
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WOR-Curt Massey, Songs
WJZ-Lum and Abner
8:30-WEAF-A Date With Judy-Comedy
WOR-Roy Rogers Show
WJZ-Alan Young Show
WABC-Theatre of Romance
8:55-WABC-Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-Mystery Theatre
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WJZ-Summer Welles
WABC-Inner Sanctum-Play
WMCA-News; Newspaper Guild
WQXR-World-Wide News Review
9:15-WOR-San Francisco Conference
WJZ-Hedda Hopper-Interviews
WQXR-Salon de Musique
9:30-WEAF-Fibber McGee and Molly
WOR-American Forum
WJZ-Spotlight Band
WABC-This Is My Best
WQXR-Cavalcade of Music
9:45-WMCA-My Story-Greater New York Fund Drama
9:55-WJZ-Short Story
10:00-WEAF-Bob Hope, Comedian
WJZ-Transatlantic Quiz
WABC-Service to the Front
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Record Album
10:15-WOR-It Happened in 1955
10:30-WEAF-Hildegard, Songs
WOR-The Symphonette
WJZ-Kay's Canteen, Variety
WABC-Congress Speaks
WMCA-Frank Kingdom
WQXR-Celebrated Arias
10:45-WABC-Behind the Scenes at CBS
WMCA-Marilyn Towne, Songs
11:00-WEAF, WOR-News; Music
WQXR-News; Just Music
11:05-WJZ-W. S. Gallimore
11:30-WEAF-Words at War-Sketch
WJZ-San Francisco Conference
Round Table Discussion
WABC-Casey, Press Photographer
12:00-WEAF, WABC-News; Music
WJZ, WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News Reports

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Talking It Over With Josh White

By NAT LOW

Josh White is back in New York after an unprecedented Columbia Concert tour with Libby Holman that carried them clear across the country, packing 'em in at Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other places, and he's more convinced than ever about the beauty and importance of the folk song.

If the American folk song has enjoyed a renaissance these past few years it is thanks to the astounding success of such artists as Josh White.

Josh will be one of the featured artists at the Ben Davis Ball Sunday, May 6, at the Golden Gate Ballroom and we caught him at Cafe Society Downtown the other night just before he went on. He was still enthusiastic about his tour with Miss Holman. "The idea of a Negro and white artist joining for a tour is really something and the responses we received all over the country were heartwarming. You mustn't forget that most of the people we sang to had never before heard folks songs and songs of protest. They were mixed audiences and it was a new experience and a splendid one for them."

While in Hollywood, Josh made a picture for Universal, "Hear the Trumpet Talk" and shares the lead with Noah Beery, Jr. In it he sings some of the songs which have made him famous.

It was in Los Angeles, too, that he heard the news of President Roosevelt's death. "I couldn't believe it at first but after it had been verified my first reaction was to call my wife and kids in New York. And then I wanted to leave for home as quickly as possible."

A SOUTHERNER LEARNS

Was he going to write a song in memory of the late President? "I have no song in mind yet but I think the best song for President Roosevelt has already been written. It is 'To You Beloved Comrade' and is a favorite of Mrs. Roosevelt's. You know, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt invited me to the White House three times for 'command performances' and I shall never forget them."

Yip Harburg and Earl Robinson are collaborating on a new song for Josh called, "We're in the same boat, brother" and soon Josh will introduce it—probably at the Ben Davis Ball.

He is more convinced than ever that the folk song and the song of protest can be a weapon for democracy. "If I reach one person a month with what I have to say



Josh White who will perform at the Ben Davis Ball next Sunday May 6, is seen here with Libby Holman, who appeared with him on his precedent-breaking tour through the country.

I think that's doing something. . . . Take the time a southern Army major walked out on me while I was doing 'Strange Fruit'. . . . He came back a week later and said to me, 'I've returned because I wanted to know why I walked out before.' He sat all through it this time and earnestly tried to convince me that not all Southerners are Jimcrows. . . . About four months later he arrived at Cafe Society with his wife—a Southern woman filled with anti-Negro prejudices. The major had begged her to come to hear me sing without telling her I was a Negro. But she stayed, and later invited me to sit at her table. . . . Later in the evening she asked me to dance. . . .

Josh paused here, then continued: "The Major later told me that this was the first time in his wife's life that she had ever sat at the same table with a Negro."

"You see," Josh smiled, "they had both learned something and

that's a portent of the things to come."

Josh—everybody calls him just that—has a real competitor these days. "My son Josh, Jr. He's only four but he's already stole many of my shows."

And here's something, too. Josh Jr. will soon make an important film with one of the country's leading male stars.

As we were about to leave, Josh said: "Don't forget that I plugged and voted for Ben Davis in 1943. I will do it again this fall and will be at the Ball with bells on. He's a great guy."

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'Othello' With Paul Robeson Returns to City Center May 22

The Theater Guild's record-holding Shakespearean presentation, the Margaret Webster production of *Othello*, starring Paul Robeson, Jose Ferrer and Uta Hagen, will return from a triumphant transcontinental tour for an engagement of two weeks only at the City Center, beginning on Tuesday, May 22, it was announced today.

Mail orders will be accepted now for all performances, which will be played at a \$2.40 to 90 cent scale for all performances. Matinees will be played on Wednesday and Saturday.

Now playing in Chicago, *Othello* has broken every box office and engagement record for Shakespeare ever since it wound up its unprecedented engagement in New York last season. It had marked up 296 performances, the longest Shakespearean run in Broadway history.

New Soviet Opera The Quiet Don

The Russian Grand Opera Company, under the directorship of Dimitri Chutro will play for the first time in New York, a new Soviet opera *The Quiet Don* by Ivan Dzerzhinsky, May 27, 28 and 29, at Carnegie Hall. The company has just completed a very successful premiere performance of this opera in Detroit and will make a tour of the largest cities throughout the country.

This work is dedicated to Dimitri Shostakovich the eminent Russian composer, and is based on the novel, *And Quiet Flows the Don* by Sholokhov . . . of which two and a half million copies were sold. The Opera is based on the 1914-1917 period and vividly gives an account of Russian life prior to the 1917 Revolution and the pending overthrow of the Tsarist yoke.

before it began travelling through Canada and this country.

Directed by Miss Webster, *Othello* was designed and lighted by Robert Edmond Jones. John Haggott served as associate producer.

Rossen on Films

Robert Rossen, prominent screenwriter, will speak at a forum on *Films and the War* this evening (Tuesday) at 8:30 at 23 W. 26 St. Howard Selsam, director of the Jefferson School, will act as moderator of the forum. The public is cordially invited.

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Pinero Up-to-Date

By N. LASHER

Ponderously belabored with atmosphere and overtones of mysticism *The Enchanted Cottage* is a reassertion of the theme that beauty, after all, lies in the eyes of the observer.

With a strictly literal translation of this idea the emphasis is placed on the bond between a homely girl and a disfigured war veteran based on their mutual physical afflictions rather than mental and psychological compatibility.

Offered as an up-to-date revision of the Sir Arthur Wing Pinero play, its contemporaneity is apparent only in the use of the present war to disfigure Oliver. It would be unfortunate if this were construed as an attempt to deal with a physical and psychiatric war case since it couldn't be too reassuring to look for adjustment in a highly improbable situational solution.

Once past misty vapors wafting around the cottage and extraneous background material, the film finally gets started on its essential objective. But even here *The Enchanted Cottage* is loathe to relinquish its atmosphere and despite its superfluity we are treated to dark shadows, legends of the cottage history and haunting winds. Just to tie it up tight the housekeeper looms through the scenes forecasting events like a gloomy prophet.

LOVE'S ENCHANTMENT

Robert Young (Oliver) is the war veteran who is wrenched from his life as a dashing Lothario and pursuer of the sports by the facial mutilation he sustains in battle and Dorothy McGuire is the plain look-

THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE: Screenplay by DeWitt Bodeen and Herman J. Mankiewicz; based on the play by Sir Arthur Wing Pinero; directed by John Cromwell; produced by Harriet Parsons for RKO-Radio Pictures. At the Astor.

ing girl whose homeliness had resigned her to a life of celibacy. In the enchantment of their love each becomes beautiful to the other and only at the end discover that this miracle was not wrought by the magic of the cottage but in the much more realistic magic of love.

So much effort was expended in creating mood that the character portrayals inevitably suffered. Except for Laura who follows a believable pattern of behavior (if you can first agree she's ugly) the others hop, skip and jump from one transition to another. Anyway in these days of cosmetic wonders and scientific achievements Laura's plainness could easily be transformed by a comb and lipstick and plastic surgery could restore Oliver's handsome countenance without difficulty.

Robert Young is understandably uneasy during the first portion before the picture gets under way but he does a good job when his role rises to a higher level. Dorothy McGuire is very competent and Herbert Marshall as the "accentuate the positive" element gives his usual finished performance as he helps Oliver regain self confidence.

LaGuardia, Associates Confer On Ticket for City Elections

Mayor LaGuardia conferred late yesterday in an undisclosed midtown meeting place with City Council President Newbold Morris and other close associates on the ticket he expects to head in a campaign for reelection.

The discussion, it was reported, dealt chiefly with the question of finding a suitable nominee for the office of Comptroller.

Desertion last week of Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick from the LaGuardia administration and McGoldrick's bid to both Republicans and Democrats for the Mayoralty nomination quickened action among the Mayor's supporters.

They are still seeking the Republican nomination for the Mayor and Morris and also nonpartisan backing of a LaGuardia ticket by the Labor and Liberal parties and other groups.

But lacking the GOP nomination, the Mayor, it is said, is prepared to make the race as an independent in a three-cornered contest, pre-

sumably on the Labor Party and other lines, against regular Democratic and Republican machine nominees.

Everyone at City Hall is confident LaGuardia will be a candidate for reelection. And many of his supporters are expressing the belief he will be reelected on whatever ticket or coalition that put him forward.

The man with the strongest support in regular Democratic ranks is still Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Kings County District Attorney, whom LaGuardia defeated in 1941. And there is a strong drive on to get the GOP nomination for McGoldrick.

Edward J. Flynn, of the Bronx, the city's most powerful Democratic leader, leaves for Washington today for two days of conferences with national Democratic leaders. It is believed he will discuss the New York Mayoralty situation.

At any rate, decisions will soon be due on the election line-up. Deadline for petitions in the Mayoralty race is May 15.

Molotov Fights Seating of Argentina at Frisco Parley

(Continued from Page 1)

It was first reported that New Zealand's vote was cast by accident, but later it developed that Prime Minister Peter Fraser was bitterly opposed to inviting Argentina, declaring it had no more right to sit at San Francisco than did the Franco government of Spain.

DRAMATIC CONFERENCE

Shortly after this was made known by Edward R. Stettinius, Vyacheslav Molotov held a tense and dramatic conference. The seriousness of the issue was emphasized by his calmness of manner.

Molotov said that none of the sponsoring powers had discussed the Argentine representation before San Francisco. He then proceeded to read two declarations by Cordell Hull and the late President Roosevelt, of early last autumn, in which both of them characterized the Argentine regime as "Nazi-Fascist, a potential source of infection for the hemisphere, a headquarters for Fascism."

"I consider these statements very authoritative," Molotov said acidly, to great applause.

"Perhaps the Argentine government has been replaced by a democratic one, since last fall," he continued. "You Americans may know better. But if so, we should like to be informed."

He then proposed that the issue be studied, and promised to defend his views at the plenary session. What, if anything, the Soviet delegation will do if the plenary session upholds the Argentine case must await developments, Molotov said. Mounting the rostrum at the plenary session, Molotov charged that the prestige of the conference would suffer a severe blow if Argentina came in while Poland was left outside.

"I shall speak in the Russian language," Molotov said, as he began his address with an interpreter at his side to translate every three or four sentences as they were spoken.

"Not all of you know Russian," he said. "But I know that the Rus-

sian language is a very suitable one for a just cause."

The delegates applauded.

Molotov contended that the question of admitting Argentina had been raised suddenly and that it had not before been discussed by the four sponsoring powers.

It is important to realize that the issue of the seating of the two Soviet republics, Ukraine and Byelorussia, invited last Friday, has really nothing to do with the basic issue of Argentina.

The executive and the steering committees here voted unanimously this morning to seat these republics before the Argentine question came up. No "bargaining" was therefore involved, as the irresponsible press declares, because how could there be "bargains" about dissimilar matters?

Neither is it right to couple the Polish issue with the seating of Argentina, in terms of a "bargain." Molotov did nothing of the kind. He merely restated to the correspondents the Soviet desire to have the people of Poland represented here, dramatizing the Argentine issue by pointing out the services of Poland to the United Nations cause.

"Perhaps we can forget Argentina's actions," he said, and then added as sharply: "Perhaps but how can we ignore the heroism of Poland?"

While firmly upholding the democratic character of the Polish government Molotov made it clear that the great powers have to settle this issue in accordance with the Crimea decision.

He expressed the confidence that it would be settled. He merely contrasted the eagerness to seat Argentina with the injustice being dealt to Poland.

Molotov noted that two nations—India and the Philippines were participating in the conference although not fully independent.

He said that Russia had not objected to this nor to the issuance of invitations to certain other govern-

ments with which Russia does not maintain diplomatic relations.

"Up to now," he said, "all the invitations to this conference have been accepted unanimously by the four sponsoring governments." This, he said, "we consider to be a very good rule and we should not like to depart from it."

Actually, the United States delegation has been caught on the horns of its own reversal of policy. Ezequiel Padilla, Mexican Foreign Minister, who scored a victory over the Hull-Roosevelt policy in Mexico City last March, took the lead in the Executive Committee here and was supported by Chile and Brazil.

The United States, having taken a wrong step, finds it hard to reverse itself again, and is going the whole hog. Padilla, representing anti-Soviet elements tied up with the most reactionary wing of American policy, is making hay.

Molotov also disclosed—and this is important in itself—that the Soviet delegation member, trade union leader Vasili Kuznetsov, has proposed that the World Labor Conference meeting in Oakland now be given an official advisory status to the World Security Conference. However, the Executive Committee turned this down, Molotov said the USSR would not press for a vote.

This Soviet request dovetails with Sidney Hillman's request along the same lines, and raises the whole problem of world labor representation here.

The Soviet Union feels, said Molotov, that since the International Labor Office is here in an advisory capacity, the World Labor Conference should be, also.

He emphasized that "not all" trade union movements are repre-

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The Veteran Commander

THE BEAST IS NOT DEAD YET

AS we have pointed out repeatedly, the last phase of the war against Germany is assuming a most unusual character.

At first glance it would seem that the German defense has completely collapsed. The fast advance of Allied Armies in Northern Italy, in Bavaria and in Eastern Mecklenburg seems to indicate that this is the case. General Clark (Italy), General Devers (Bavaria) and Marshal Rokossovsky (Mecklenburg) are moving forward at a 25 to 50 mile a day clip.

As far as the American sector on the Elbe is concerned (between Wittenberge and the northern borderline of the sector where American and Soviet troops have joined hands, i.e., at Wittenberg) the tactical situation is without historical precedent, so far as we can remember: the Americans are facing an enemy who does not want to fight them, but who wants to fight the Russians. On Saturday the German official communique said this:

"In the heroic battle for the city of Berlin, the fateful struggle of the German nation against Bolshevism is once more apparent to the whole world.

"While the capital is being defended in a grandiose and historically unique engagement, our troops on the Elbe have turned their backs on the Americans in order to relieve the defenders of Berlin by attacks from the outside."

There is no doubt that the Berlin area is the scene of the only real resistance the Germans are offering anywhere. They are counter-attacking fiercely with all the forces they have withdrawn from the American Ninth Army sector (between Wittenberge and Wittenberg) in an effort to punch a hole in the Soviet ring of encirclement west of Berlin and to permit the trapped remnants of the garrison to escape to

American lines across the Elbe. There is little doubt that this supreme effort is being made because a large number of Nazi chiefs and criminals are still trapped in the last-stand "citadel" of the Tiergarten and the big government buildings east of it.

The Germans are counter-attacking not only from Brandenburg toward Spandau, but also from the southwest, in the Belzig-Potsdam direction, trying to unhinge Marshal Konev's right flank. Such attempts were made by the enemy several days ago against Konev's left flank in the region of Bautzen. Then they had for object the relief of the trapped Germans in the Spreewald. Now that this pocket has been virtually liquidated, the enemy efforts are directed toward the relief of Berlin. Certainly a hopeless proposition, but indicative of the fact that the Beast is by no means dead yet, and that some operational integration still exists.

THE next sector to offer resistance is the one in Austria and in Croatia and Slovenia, i.e., on the actual ramparts of the Alpine Redoubt. Here, too, the resistance is weighted in the east—against Marshals Tolbukhin and Tito.

The third sector to resist is the Emden-Bremen-Hamburg enclave, where the British and Canadians have made little progress of late.

AN analysis of the degree of German resistance in the various sectors, coupled with the open statement of the German High Command in connection with the Battle of Berlin, shows once more that, firstly, the Germans are now fighting primarily the Russians, and, secondly, that they still feel it is worth while to protect the inner Alpine Redoubt and the Scandinavian enclave.

sented in the ILO, another ironic way of putting the fact that the ILO declined to accept Soviet participation at its April, 1944 session in Philadelphia.

When asked, how the American Federation of Labor feels about the request for World Trade Union Congress participation here, Molotov replied: "I have not deemed it necessary to ask the AFL." This again brought laughter and applause.

Stettinius implied broadly that an

Argentine delegation is already waiting, perhaps somewhere in Los Angeles, to be seated here. This amazed everyone for its cynicism.

The fact that Argentina has not even signed the United Nations declaration played no role in the Executive's decision, the American Secretary of State declared.

Argentina is being seated, he said, because she has lived up to the Mexico City commitments, both formal ones, and moral ones, whatever those are.

Berlin's Death Agony Pictured By Soviet War Correspondent

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BERLIN, April 29 (Delayed)—(UP)—Berlin's hours are numbered tonight, and its agony is near an end.

Hundreds of Red Army cannon are battering down the city's dying heart. More and more fresh columns of tanks overrun its broad and majestic boulevards, now littered with wreckage of buildings.

German prisoners report the remnants of the Nazi garrison are in a suicidal mood—determined to fight to the death. They will get that privilege.

I have spent the last two days with Gen. Semyon Bogdanov's troops storming Berlin from the north. We have not halted or rested for hours. Street by street, intersection by intersection, and house

by house we have advanced toward the center.

Streets already cleared present a strange spectacle. While artillery shells land in neighboring streets and bullets whistle over their heads, Berliners are going about their daily business in the captured areas. They surround every Soviet officer or man, asking thousands of questions. They cannot believe that tonight they can sleep in their own beds and not in bomb shelters.

Our planes patrol the sky around the clock. Enemy planes have vanished, because we've captured Berlin's last airfield, Tempelhof.

From the west we are thrusting along such famous streets as Kurfuerstendamm and Hohenzollern-damm. From the southeast only a few blocks separate us from Unter Den Linden.

The fall of Berlin is not very far off.

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